

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 22, 2002**

**IN RE:**

**GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH  
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION**

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**DOCKET NO.  
01-00526**

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

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This docket came before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the filing of a *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on March 20, 2002. BellSouth requests that the Pre-Hearing Officer extend the to file comments on the Pre-Hearing Officer's March 15, 2002 *Report and Recommendation* ("*Report*") until April 1, 2002.<sup>1</sup>

In its motion, BellSouth asserts that the *Report* contains numerous issues that BellSouth must analyze in order to prepare its comments. BellSouth further touts the need for the parties to carefully address the *Report* before the Authority determines whether to accept the recommendations contained therein. Lastly, BellSouth notes that Verizon Wireless Tennessee Partnership, Time Warner Telecom of the Mid-South, L.P., XO Tennessee, Inc., MCI WorldCom, Inc., and the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association do not oppose the requested extension.<sup>2</sup> The Pre-Hearing Officer finds that it is important for the Directors to hear thoughtful and well articulated

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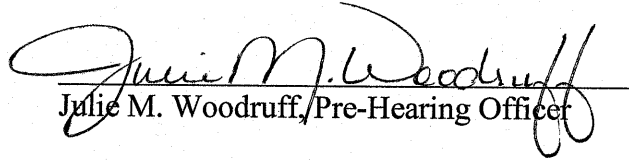
<sup>1</sup> The requested extension date contained in the motion is March 29, 2002. Nonetheless, because this date is a state holiday and the offices of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will be closed, the actual requested extension date is April 1, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Other intervenors not mentioned in the motion are US LEC of Tennessee, Inc., Sprint Communications Company, L.P., and ITC^DeltaCom.

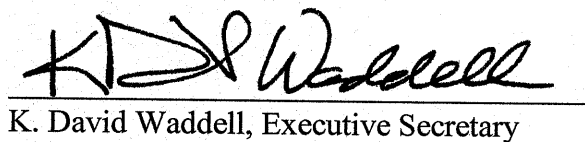
comments from all parties before determining whether to accept the *Report*. Therefore, the Pre-Hearing Officer finds that good cause exists for the extension and determines that BellSouth's motion should be granted as to all parties.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments* filed on March 20, 2002 by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is granted. Any party wishing to file comments on the March 15, 2002 *Report and Recommendation* of the Pre-Hearing Officer shall do so by **Monday, April 1, 2002**.

  
Julie M. Woodruff, Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary